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SBPD Spanish Language Citizens Academy Graduation

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The Santa Barbara Police Department is pleased to announce the graduation of our latest Spanish Language Citizens Academy class on Thursday, January 10, 2013. The ceremony will take place at the Franklin Elementary School Auditorium, 1111 E. Mason Street, at 6:30 p.m. Members of the media are invited to attend.

The Citizens Academy is a free 8-week program that provides participants with an opportunity to learn about their Police Department's role and responsibilities in the community. Students experience police training, are exposed to investigative techniques, observe demonstrations of police technology, and are given the chance to ride along with officers on patrol. Citizens Academy classes are two-hours in duration and are held once a week throughout the program, which takes place four times a year. Two academies are taught in English and two are taught in Spanish.

The Police Department's recent effort to host Citizens Academies at different venues in the city, away from the Figueroa Street station, has been a huge success. This latest academy was taught at Franklin School, on the Eastside, with 56 participants.

Additional information about the Citizens Academy can be obtained at www.sbpd.com or by calling the Beat Coordinator Unit at (805) 897-3702.

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